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**Box Patent Application** Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application applied.	ation for an						
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STEAM STERILIZATION OF ARTICLES	62404						
and invented by:	9						
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2. Specification having 18 pages and including the following:							
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b.   Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)							
c.   Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)							
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3.	$\boxtimes$	Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)									
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	d.	<ul> <li>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</li> <li>Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,</li> <li>see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</li> </ul>									
5.		Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.									
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10.		37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)									
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		Accompanying Application Parts (Continued)
17.	×	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.   (Optional) Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted:
18.		Additional Enclosures (please identify below):
		Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)
19.		Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.
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#### **CLAIMS AS FILED** Fee #Filed #Allowed #Extra Rate For \$0.00 **Total Claims** 17 - 20 = 0 \$9.00 \$0.00 3 - 3 = 0 \$42.00 Indep. Claims \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$375.00 **BASIC FEE** \$0.00 OTHER FEE (specify purpose) **TOTAL FILING FEE** \$375.00 A check in the amount of \$375.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-1088 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. ☐ Charge the amount of as filing fee. ☑ Credit any overpayment. ☐ Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17. ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b). Dated: **September 16, 2003** Christopher W. Brody, Reg. No. 33 6/13

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